

Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Application
Attorney Docket No.: 890050.448
November 10, 2003

REMARKS

Consideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 are now pending. Claims 36-37 have been added. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested. A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. However, should any further issue require attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the same.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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